New Prayer Calendar

Pray with the Missouri District

Join congregations, schools, and individuals across the Missouri District in praying together each month. Our monthly prayer calendar follows the priorities of the Missouri District Strategic Plan, including prayers for God to send out laborers into the harvest field, as well as for congregations, schools, and seminaries. Download or print a copy: mo.lcms.org/prayer-calendar

Circuit Visitor Training Recap

Aug. 18, 2026

The circuit visitors (CVs) met Aug. 18 in Columbia for training. President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan addressed congregational visitation and call processes. Table discussions followed on circuit congregational needs. DCE Pam Nummela addressed circuits and discipleship in the home. Rev. Marty Hasz, LPC, introduced an empathy formula for Lutheran workers, and Rev. John Perling introduced the CVs to Synod resources in witness, church planting, and congregational assessments.

Irwin returns to full-time work

Sept. 1, 2026

Sarah Irwin returned to full-time work as administrative assistant to the president for the Missouri District Sept. 1, after being on medical leave since January. Sarah will assist congregations and circuits and serve as the main contact for the District President's office, including scheduling and call processes. Colleen Backer will continue to support the District staff, Praesidium, Board of Directors, Council of Presidents, and District Convention, focusing on meeting planning and records of these groups. We are grateful for your prayers and support.

New Church Worker Orientation Recap

Aug. 21, 2026

Pastors, vicars, DCEs, deaconesses, and interns gathered for New Church Worker Orientation at the Missouri District office. We're grateful for each congregation and ministry represented, and we look forward to seeing how God will work through these dedicated servants.

New Teacher Orientation Recap

Sept. 18–19, 2026

First-year and veteran teachers new to the Missouri District gathered at Margaritaville Lake Resort for Teacher Orientation under the theme People of HOPE. Teachers connected, shared ideas, and built relationships to support one another in their calling. We thank God for these educators and the good news they bring to their classrooms. Welcome to the Missouri District—people of HOPE!

Missouri District National Lutheran School Accreditation Recap

Sept. 25, 2026

Thirty-three educators and leaders gathered for Missouri District NLSA training. Consultants, team captains, and members prepared to guide schools through self-study and support their ongoing growth. Thank you to all who serve our Lutheran schools and their Christ-centered mission!

President Hagan returns to full-time work

Oct. 1, 2026

President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan has returned to full-time work in the Missouri District as of Oct. 1, following an extended period of therapy after his stroke. He and the staff are grateful for the prayers and support from congregations and look forward to serving together.

Professional Church Workers Conference

Oct. 20–23, 2026

Margaritaville, Osage Beach, MO

This conference gathers pastors, educators, and other professional church workers for worship, learning, and fellowship. Conference Resources here.

Schedule overview:

Oct. 20: Pastors arrive and register 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Oct. 21: Educators may arrive and attend sessions; registration 10 a.m.–6 p.m.*
Oct. 22: Pastors may depart after morning worship.**
Oct. 23: Conference concludes

**Lunch is not provided for educators Wednesday, Oct. 21.*
***Lunch is not provided for pastors Thursday, Oct. 22.*

Engaged in Mission: Congregation and Community

Oct. 30–31, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO

Join us for Engaged in Mission: Congregation and Community at Faith Lutheran Church, Springfield. Pastors and laity will gather to learn and discuss how to be engaged in God's mission right where they are. Featured speakers include Rev. Dr. Quintin Cundiff and Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe. Register online by Friday, Oct. 23 to reserve your spot. To see more upcoming mission events across Missouri in 2027, visit: mo.lcms.org/district-missions

Living as Citizens of Two Kingdoms

Nov. 3, 2026

As another election approaches, President Hagan encourages all Missouri District members to become informed, pray for those in authority, and consider the implications of Amendment 3 on the November 2026 ballot in light of Scripture. Read Hagan's full letter and find resources, including a downloadable bulletin insert: mo.lcms.org/living-as-citizens-of-two-kingdoms

Christmas Open House

10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Dec. 4

Missouri District Office, St. Louis

Enjoy festive treats, warm fellowship, and joyful conversation with District staff and fellow ministry partners. **No RSVP needed.** We look forward to celebrating with you! Learn more here.

Use Your Tax Dollars to Support Lutheran Education

$8.5 million in MOScholars scholarships has been released this fall to students attending LCMS schools across Missouri! This was made possible through the state's general revenue fund and participation in tax credits. Remarkable how God provides for work in His kingdom! Our work isn't over for 2026, though. Approximately 250 students on our list are still awaiting funding. Learn how you can participate in the MOScholars tax credit program and provide these opportunities for children in Missouri at mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars. Please complete the process by Dec. 31, 2026. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Church Worker Appreciation Month

Oct. 1–31, 2026 | See a list of all special dates

Professional Church Workers Conference

Oct. 20–23, 2026

Margaritaville, Osage Beach, MO

Regional District Education Executive Conference

Oct. 25–28, 2026

Hosted by the Missouri District

Lake Ozark, MO

Engaged in Mission: Congregation and Community

Oct. 30–31, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO

Christmas Open House

Dec. 4 | 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Missouri District Office, St. Louis

Mid-year Administrators Conference

Feb. 5, 2027

Campus Lutheran Church, Columbia, MO

SHINE! Servant Events

April 9–18, 2026

All across the District!

District Youth Gathering

April 16–18, 2027

Cross Pointe Retreat Center, Rocky Mount, MO

Summer Administrators Conference

July 22–23 2027

Campus Lutheran Church, Columbia, MO

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

visit mo.lcms.org/upcoming-events to stay informed